

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An apparatus for and method of utilizing an existing predefined messaging  
5 protocol to convey additional data in application-to-application communication. Instead  
of utilizing a plurality of the existing predefined messages or defining a new unique  
message type to convey the needed data, a single preexisting message type is used to  
define location and format of the data objects to be communicated. The receiving  
application unpacks these definitions from the single message received and accesses the  
10 defined data objects as required.